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FM AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4886

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EAGR, TH

SUBJ: USFDA BAN ON THAI EXPORTS OF MUNG BEANS TO US
BECAUSE OF RESIDUES

1. CHIEF OF FOREIGN TRADE DEPARTMENT OF MINISTRY OF COMMERCE HAS APPEALED TO EMBASSY TO HELP OBTAIN RELEASE OF 9,000 BAGS OF MUNG BEANS NOW BEING HELD IN VARIOUS US WEST COAST PORTS OF ENTRY BY USFOOD AND DRUG AGENCY ACTION BECAUSE OF ALLEGED FINDING OF RESIDUES OF ENDRIIN AND DDT. LETTER OF APPEAL STATES THAT AMOUNT OF INSECTICIDE RESIDUE IS SO SMALL IT SHOULD NOT CONSTITUTE A HEALTH THREAT AND THAT, MOREOVER, THE BEANS WILL BE USED TO GROW BEAN SPROUTS RATHER THAN FOR DIRECT HUMAN CONSUMPTION. POINT IS ALSO MADE THAT MUNG BEANS CONSTITUTES ONE OF NARROW RANGE OF ITEMS THAT THAILAND IS ABLE TO EXPORT SUCCESSFULLY TO US.

2. EMBASSY OBVIOUSLY NOT IN POSITION TO JUDGE HEALTH HAZARD POSED BY INSECTICIDE RESIDUES, SMALL AS THESE SEEM TO BE. HOWEVER, IF THERE IS ANY DISCRETION PERMITTED TO US AGENCIES IN SUCH MATTERS THEN EMBASSY URGES CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO IMPORTANCE TO THAILAND OF SUCH EXPORTS TO US, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF ROUGHLY TWO TO ONE BALANCE OF TRADE IN FAVOR OF US.

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3. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT EMBASSY BE INFORMED ASAP
OF STATUS OF THIS CASE AND OUTLOOK FOR RESOLUTION SO THAT
INFORMED REPLY MAY BE GIVEN TO RTG.
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